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ISTC 301

Practical Teaching Experience Personal Reflection Document

**After** you have completed your practical teaching session, you are to complete this document and submit it to the Digital Dropbox. Answer all of the questions as thoughtfully and thoroughly as possible.

1. How effective do you think your lesson was with the “students?” How did the students react to the learning activity(ies) in the lesson?

**-I think it went well. I believe my students understand a little bit more about the biological food chain and how we gain energy in our lives. Building their own food web would have given them a better understand of how energy flows in nature and how important plants are in our lives.**

1. In planning this lesson, what UDL solutions did you incorporate to vary the instruction and appeal to the needs of diverse learners?

-**Yes I used audio and visual for other types of learners. In addition if I had more time I could have aided to kinesthetic learners by having them build a food chain and understand the movement of energy. Finally, I had websites for students to investigate further, in order for them to better understand the subject**.

1. What teaching strategies do you feel were most effective with your “students?” How did you determine this? What strategies would you change if you were going to present this lesson again? How did you reach this decision?

**-I believe using constructivism was the best strategy for my students because it got them involved and got them to understand the subject matter. I determined this by asking the students question and seeing how they reacted to the different scenarios I presented to them. I believe I would use more of the technology available to me and have a better understand of the smart board to get the student interested in the subject matter. I want my student to have a broad and conceptual understanding of the subject and I believe incorporating more technology can do that.**

1. In reflecting upon the planning process for integrating technology into classroom lessons, what elements or steps do you believe are important to develop and deliver a successful technology integrated lesson?

**-I think understand the technologies potential is very important (knowing how to use power points to the best ability). In addition, I think having a variety of websites available for the students is also important in getting technology integrated into the classroom. Finally, making sure that the technology is doing good and not harming the student’s ability to understand the subject matter is very important and it should always be remembered to use technology as a tool not as a lesson plan.**